THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a), (c) to (e) Accurate figures are not available since no such statistics are maintained. However, the approximate number is between 2500 and 2800.

(b) Yes, Sir, on merits of each case.

Sealing of Border with Pakistan

154. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to seal the border with Pakistan in view of the recent spurt in killings in Punjab and use of sophisticated weapons such as Chinese AK-47 assault rifles and Soviet RPG-7 rockets by the terrorists;

(b) whether the proposed sealing of border will include the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Gujarat also; and

(c) in what way the sealing will be done and whether it will be as effective as a security belt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have decided to take a number of steps for more effective policing of the border. These include fencing in the most vulnerable segments, floodlighting and improving the jeep track along the border. Some segments in Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan are also covered under this plan. These measures will improve the effectiveness of the policing on the border and are expected to stop infiltration of men and arms from across the border.

Killings by terrorists in Punjab

155. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in Punjab by the terrorists since January 1, 1988 till date and also during 1985, 1986 and 1987;

(b) from where the terrorists are getting the Chinese AK-47 assault rifles, American Carbines, Thomson Machine Guns, Soviet RPG-7 rockets and rocket launchers; and

(c) what kind of help the terrorists are getting from Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The requisite information is given below:—

Year	Number of persons killed
1985	63
1986	520
1987	910
1988 (upto 14th April) . .	617

(b) No confirmed information about the source from where Punjab terrorists are getting weapons like AK-47 Chinese Assault Rifles, American Carbines etc. is available.

(c) Government have information that Pakistan provides sanctuary to the Punjab terrorists, imparts training and renders them material assistance.